

## U.S. may be bracing for Iranian raids

NEW YORK (R) — American installations throughout the world have been alerted to the increased chance of Iranian attacks in retaliation for U.S. escorts of Kuwaiti shipping, the New York Times said Sunday. The newspaper quoted a senior government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, as expressing concern about possible Iranian-sponsored attacks in the Gulf, Europe and elsewhere. Reagan administration officials have stressed the U.S. was prepared to retaliate against Iran if it were identified as the source of attacks. The New York Times said the official who spoke of the alert did not discuss possible U.S. responses to an attack. But it quoted Pentagon sources as saying American military planners have prepared a list of targets in Iran that could be attacked if the president decided to retaliate. The newspaper also said it could not determine if the target list, part of contingency plans routinely drawn up by the joint chiefs of staff, had been reviewed by the White House or the State Department. The newspaper said the United States might target military and economic facilities in Iran, including Iran's major oil terminal at Kharg Island and its military base on Farsi Island.

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## Syrians said to have got MiG-29s

TEL AVIV (AP) — Syria has received a first delivery of advanced Soviet-built MiG-29 fighter planes which are comparable to the U.S.-made F-15 planes used by Israel, Israeli Radio reported Sunday. Israel's military command refused to comment on the report. The MiG-29 is capable of carrying up to four tonnes of explosives for bombing missions, Israel Radio said, adding that the acquisition was considered part of a Syrian policy to achieve military parity with Israel. The report did not say how many planes the Syrians received.

## Flu reported in Mecca and Medina

ABU DHABI (R) — The government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been asked to send medicines to Saudi Arabia because influenza is spreading among Hajj pilgrims, a UAE newspaper reported Sunday. Al Bayan newspaper in a report from Jeddah said the head of the UAE pilgrims' delegation had asked the government to send medicines as stocks had been used up in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina. It said a meeting would be held in Mecca on Monday between Saudi Arabian officials and representatives of pilgrims' delegations to discuss health problems.

## Sri Lankan peace talks falter

NEW DELHI (R) — A bid by India to broker peace in Sri Lanka ran into difficulties on Sunday when Indian negotiators failed to persuade the main Sri Lankan rebel group to accept an accord worked out by Colombo and New Delhi. After two days of talks, news agencies quoted Velupillai Prabhakaran, 33-year-old leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, as saying the group could not accept the proposals in their present form. Mr. Prabhakaran said the Tigers, one of five Tamil separatist groups meeting Indian officials in New Delhi, had expressed "reservations and misgivings on several counts." The talks continue Monday but Mr. Prabhakaran indicated that prospects were dim of an accord being signed in Colombo on Wednesday as Sri Lanka proposes (See earlier story on page 8).

## Lahore police bust forced labour camp

ISLAMABAD (R) — Police smashed a forced labour camp in Pakistan's second city Lahore on Saturday after being led to it by a young escapee, the official APP news agency reported. It said 12 kidnapped boys aged between nine and 17 were found in the camp, which was run by two men who were arrested. The boys were subjected to forced labour under strict watch during the day and chained up at night.

## Soviets to improve nuclear submarines

MOSCOW (R) — Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, the commander-in-chief of the Soviet navy, said Sunday Moscow intended to improve the quality of its nuclear submarines rather than increase their number. In an interview with the government newspaper Izvestia to mark Soviet Navy Day, Adm. Chernavin said the Soviet Union had fewer aircraft carriers and battleships than the United States but more submarines.

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## Calm prevails in Khartoum after state of emergency is declared

KHARTOUM (AP) — All was calm in Khartoum on Sunday, one day after the government declared a one-year state of emergency to combat deteriorating economic and security problems.

ions, who spoke on condition of anonymity for their safety, rejected the emergency laws.

"It is a cover to distract a blow against the trade unions the same way the ousted regime used to do," said one trade unionist, in reference to the authoritarian rule of President Jaafar Numeiri who was overthrown by a popular uprising in April 1985.

"This measure will not fear us. We will continue our struggle for a better life," he said. "The state of emergency will not be effective unless it is applied strictly on smugglers and black marketeers who are the backbone of the ruling parties."

A retired army officer, who

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## Iraq and Iran report heavy air action and fighting on front

### GCC welcomes U.N. resolution on Gulf war

BAHRAYN (Agencies) — Baghdad reported extensive air strikes on Sunday on Iranian positions as Tehran said Iraqi troops suffered 1,100 casualties in heavy fighting on the central war front.

A high command communiqué in Baghdad said Iraqi planes and helicopter gunships carried out 230 missions during the day, up from 216 on Saturday, but made no mention of battles on the central front.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said 1,100 Iraqis were killed or wounded and several captured during pitched battles Sunday and Saturday in the Sumar and Meiniak border areas of the central front.

Fighting erupted near Sumar, 130 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, just over two weeks ago, with both sides seeking to hold strategic heights overlooking the Tigris River valley to the west.

The Iraqi communiqué said Sunday's air strikes destroyed 50 vehicles and dozens of infantry rights and artillery sites.

The Iranian news agency said Teheran's forces had repulsed Iraqi attempts to seize four heights in the Meiniak area. It said Iranian helicopter gunships had been in action against Iraqi positions in the area.

The continued fighting in the almost seven-year-old war comes amid international moves to bring about an immediate ceasefire.

Peres: 'No preconditions' for Israeli-Soviet ties

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday Israel had set no preconditions for the resumption of diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union and the Jewish state expected the same attitude from Moscow.

"Israel sets no preconditions to the reestablishment of normal diplomatic relations and expects no such preconditions from the Soviet side," Mr. Peres said in a statement.

Moscow severed diplomatic relations with Israel during the 1967 Middle East war.

A Soviet consular delegation, the first official mission to visit Israel for 20 years, is in Israel with the declared aim of surveying property belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church.

Many Israelis, however, see the visit as a sign of a gradual thaw in relations between the two countries. Poland has opened a diplomatic interest office in Tel Aviv and Hungary has recently sought expanded commercial ties with the Jewish state.

Soviet Jewry activists have protested against the visit and have demanded Moscow allow unlimited Jewish emigration.

Mr. Peres has insisted the Soviet Union restore diplomatic and loosen restrictions on the emigration of Soviet Jews as conditions for Soviet participation in a proposed international confer-

Iraq's announced positive stand towards the (U.N.) resolution.

The communiqué said: "The council welcomes the Security Council resolution and reiterates its willingness to cooperate with the U.N. secretary general to provide the necessary atmosphere to reach a peaceful solution which preserves the legitimate rights of both sides of the conflict."

On Friday, Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani castigated Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for selling 300,000 barrels of oil a day on Iraq's behalf.

Mr. Rafsanjani threatened that if Iraq resumed attacking Iranian oil installations, "we will hit back at economic centres belonging to Iraq's allies."

The GCC was founded in 1981, largely in response to threats to the Arab World from the Gulf war, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the 1978 siege of Mecca by Muslim fundamentalists.

The Saturday talks were attended by Prince Saud Al Faisal of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah of Kuwait, Sheikh Mubarak Al Mubarak Al Khalifa of Bahrain, Rashed Al Abdulla of the UAE, Yousef Al Alawi of Oman, and Qatari Oil Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifa Al Thani, standing in for the foreign minister.

Weinberger rules out negotiations on Pershing 1As

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said Sunday the United States would not bargain away American-controlled nuclear warheads in West Germany in seeking an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Weinberger, interviewed on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley" interview programme, said he regarded Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's latest arms-control offer as a significant step towards a possible agreement, but was still waiting to see all of the conditions.

Some conditions were spelled out by Soviet officials in a news conference in Moscow last Thursday, the day after Mr. Gorbachev offered to drop the Soviet insistence on deploying 100 medium-range SS-20 warheads in Asia if the United States dropped plans for 100 warheads in Alaska.

The White House welcomed Mr. Gorbachev's announcement, saying it corresponded to an offer previously made by President Ronald Reagan.

In Thursday's press conference, however, Soviet officials said the key obstacle to an agreement was still the American

missile.

Israel has not confirmed or denied that it is producing the missile.

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## France alerts navy for possible Gulf mission

PARIS (Agencies) — France on Sunday ordered its Mediterranean fleet to be ready to leave port within 24 hours because of increased tension in the Gulf, the Defence Ministry said.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said the aircraft carrier Clemenceau, two frigates and a supply ship would be ready to leave the southeastern port of Toulon from Monday.

But he said the stand-by did not necessarily mean the fleet would sail.

The spokesman said France had ordered the 24-hour alert as the latest step in a worsening diplomatic row with Iran.

The alert was "a precaution in view of escalating international tension, particularly in the Middle East and in the Gulf."

In addition to the Clemenceau,

three support vessels that have been put in a state of readiness, are the missile-launching frigates Suffren and Duquesne, and the support vessel Meuse, said the spokesman.

France already has at least three ships in the Gulf of Oman or in the Gulf, including the supply vessel Marne, the command ship Victor Schoelcher and the Protet.

The George Leygues left Toulon Wednesday and was sche-

duled to arrive in Djibouti Friday before proceeding to the Gulf, the defence spokesman said.

France, which severed diplomatic relations with Iran on July 17, has in recent days ordered its navy to take a higher profile in the Gulf as a confrontation with Tehran over evacuating embassy staff looked set to continue.

Some 45 Iranians and 15 French nationals have been held as virtual hostages in each other's capitals since the two countries cut links over an Iranian embassy interpreter wanted for questioning about a 1986 bombing campaign in Paris.

Iran has refused to allow the interpreter, Vahid Gordji, to testify, linking his fate to that of a French diplomat it accuses of spying and black-marketeering.

With both sides apparently preparing for a long war of nerves, France has taken several steps to protect its ships in the Gulf.

Following a Defence Ministry announcement on Thursday that France would send an anti-submarine frigate to the Gulf, Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond said Saturday France was prepared to take firm action against Iranian attacks in the Gulf.

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An American soldier on the alert aboard the USS Kidd in the Gulf

## U.S. experts to survey Gulf channel for mines

KUWAIT (Agencies) — American explosive experts will survey a channel in the northern Gulf where the refloated Kuwaiti supertanker Bridgeton hit a mine on Friday while under U.S. naval escort.

The U.S. commander in the Gulf, Rear-Admiral Harold Bremser, told reporters mine-clearing in the area "has to be right at the top of the list... we're going to do some minesweeping, I'm sure."

The 401,382-tonne Bridgeton, now anchored off Kuwait, struck a mine 30 kilometres from Iran's Farsi Island. U.S. officials said the mine was almost certainly laid by Iran.

Tehran has stepped up attacks on Kuwaiti shipping in retaliation for the emirate's support for Baghdad in the seven-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

In response, Kuwait has put 11 of its tankers under the U.S. flag to benefit from American naval protection in the Gulf. It has also chartered Soviet tankers and vessels flying the Gibraltar flag, which give them British protec-

tion.

Kuwaiti and U.S. experts continued talks on how to clear the channel near Farsi before the tankers headed out of the Gulf on Friday.

The options include helicopter-mounted sonar devices and use of Saudi Arabian minesweepers, diplomats said.

Lloyd's shipping intelligence in London said Sunday one mine had been sighted near Saudi Arabia's Abu Saafa oilfield off its port of Ras Tanurah, some 100 kilometres south of Farsi.

It was being matched by the Saudi navy but Lloyd's said it was too close to oil installations to detonate at the moment.

The channel near Farsi is the narrowest and perhaps most dangerous of the 880-kilometre trip through the Gulf, where more than 330 ships have been attacked by Iran or Iraq since 1981.

But Admiral Bremser said no body had checked the passage for mines. "We had no had no indication there were mines in that area."

Ships in the vicinity spotted

Iranian speedboats at dawn, hours before the 7 a.m. blast, but U.S. officials said it was extremely difficult to establish how and when the mining took place.

U.S. naval experts helped

Kuwait clear another key channel leading to Mina Al Ahmadi of mines believed to have been laid by Iran in May. Two Saudi minesweepers also took part.

A Kuwaiti newspaper accused

Tehran on Sunday of laying the mine that struck the Bridgeton,

saying it showed Iran's "insistence on escalating and continuing its challenge to the will of the international community."

Iraq has yet to formally respond to last week's United Nations Security Council call for a Gulf ceasefire, accepted by Iraq with the proviso Teheran does likewise.

According to marine salvage experts in Bahrain, the mine that ripped a hole in the Bridgeton may have been laid only two hours ahead of the blast.

The experts, who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity, also said two rusty mines were sighted

by passing ships in waters south of where the Bridgeton was holed earlier. The Lloyds statement on Sunday accounted for one of the two mines and there was no way immediately to reconcile the differing reports on the number of mines in the area.

Adm. Bremser told reporters Sunday that even though military planners spent months preparing for the passage of the Bridgeton and the smaller gas carrier Gas Prince, threats from Silkworm missiles, Iranian aircraft and small patrol boat attacks overshadowed the threat of mines and none of his staff was assigned to grapple with it.

It is not just oil tankers that Adm. Bremser is worried about now.

He explained: "It may seem incongruous, but the fact is a large ship, a non-warship such as the Bridgeton, is far less vulnerable to a mine than a warship."

Captain David Yonkers, commander of the three-ship flotilla, agreed with that assessment.

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## Damage to Bridgeton said worse than estimated

By John Rice

KUWAIT (AP) — Water on Sunday flooded four of the 31 compartments in a Kuwaiti supertanker which hit a mine two days ago as it sailed in the Gulf's perilous waters under the U.S. flag with American warship escorts.

Divers who inspected the 401,382-tonne tanker reported that the damage it sustained in the mine blast Friday was more serious than originally estimated. They were trying to determine if the vessel, one of the world's largest tankers, could be repaired locally or at least partly filled with crude oil.

The Bridgeton was anchored Sunday near Kuwait's Sea Island super tanker loading platform, some 16 kilometres from the Mina Al Ahmadi port where its convoy companion, the 46,730-tonne Gas Prince, was docked to take on liquefied petroleum gas.

The two Kuwaiti vessels, flying the American flag, completed a three-day, 880-kilometre voyage through an arena of the seven-year-old Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

They were escorted by three navy warships, part of the nine-unit Middle East task force which is patrolling the region.

The Bridgeton, formerly Al Rekka, and Gas Prince, formerly Al Minagish, were the first of two state-owned Kuwaiti oil vessels to be registered in the United States and escorted by U.S. navy warships in the Gulf.

Initial reports had said that only one of the Bridgeton's compartments was flooded by the mine that hit some three metres

below the water line, and that the ship might be able to take on oil for its return trip to the mouth of the Gulf.

But a maritime expert in Dubai said: "The Bridgeton should not be loaded before it is repaired."

The expert in Dubai, a centre for salvage efforts in the

# New Lebanese group threatens Swiss interests

BEIRUT (AP) — A previously unknown group calling itself the Green Cells threatened to strike at Swiss interests if a Shi'ite Muslim Lebanese hijacker of an Air Afrique jetliner to Geneva was extradited to France, newspapers reported Sunday.

France has not requested the extradition of Hussein Hariri, who hijacked the DC-10 plane Friday, singled out the 64 French passengers aboard and shot dead one of them before he was overpowered and arrested at Geneva airport.

The Beirut dailies said an anonymous man claiming to speak for the Green Cells made the threat in telephone calls to local newspaper offices and the Voice of National Resistance radio station on Saturday.

The station is operated by Justice Minister Nabih Berri's mainstream Shi'ite Amal militia.

"We shall strike at Swiss interests in the (Middle East) region if Switzerland hands over Mujahed (holy warrior) Hussein Hariri to French authorities," the Green Cells' caller was quoted as saying.

Newspapers said he hung up after delivering the threat in Arabic, leaving no chance for questions about himself or his group.

Hariri, 21, is a Shi'ite from South Lebanon. Relatives say he belongs to the Iranian-backed Hizbullah, or Party of God, Lebanon's most militant Shi'ite faction that sponsors groups holding 26 foreign hostages in Lebanon. The captives include nine Americans and six Frenchmen.

Few Swiss targets are left in mainly Muslim west Beirut or elsewhere in opposition-controlled areas of civil war-torn Lebanon.

The Swiss embassy moved its operations to Beirut's Christian sector early this year after a series of kidnappings of foreigners

## Arens: Mideast conference may mean war

NEW YORK (R) — Moshe Arens, an influential member of the Israeli rightwing Likud Bloc, said Sunday an international Middle East peace conference was more likely to trigger war than to bring peace.

Such a conference "cannot provide the pressing-free atmosphere needed to resolve what is not merely a question of territory and borders but of Israel's very existence," the former defence minister wrote in a commentary in the New York Times.

Israeli conference supporters, some of whom want to surrender control of the occupied West Bank, are seeking international pressure "to cover their own acquiescence in a solution they pre-

viously deemed life-threatening," Mr. Arens said.

Mr. Arens, the chief ally of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said the proposed conference was "a solution most Israelis consider not a formula for peace but a prescription for war."

Shamir has said direct bilateral talks with Arabs are the only way to achieve peace.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his Labour Party want the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Britain and France — to oversee talks.

An international conference would "increase Soviet power and prestige in the Middle East," he said in a radio interview.

## Qatar's population reaches 371,863

DOHA (R) — The Gulf Arab state of Qatar had a population of 371,863 when it held its first national census in March, 1986, the government has announced.

The Qatar News Agency (QNA) quoted the head of the state-run Central Statistical Orga-

nisation, Mohammad Mayouf Al Nuaimi, as saying that 217,000 people lived in capital, Doha.

He did not give any figures for expatriates, who are thought to comprise between two-thirds and three-quarters of the total population.

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family.

The hijacker's demands included the release of Mohammed Hamada, held in West Germany on charges of murder and air piracy in connection with the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines (TWA) plane in June 1985.

"My son works as a trader. He buys and sells clothes in Africa. We have so far not been able to call Africa to find out whether he is there or not," the father said.

### Swiss on security alert

Meanwhile Switzerland has tightened security at its airports and embassies following a decision to put on trial the hijacker, Swiss officials said.

Swiss President Pierre Aubert ruled out turning over Hariri to the French, telling reporters: "The act of piracy was committed in Switzerland, therefore, it's up to a Swiss court to judge the crime."

Geneva Prosecutor Bernard Corboz said the gunman would be charged with hostage-taking and murder, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Swiss Foreign Ministry spokesman Peter Vogel told reporters: "We are studying our security operations very seriously. We have already taken some measures and others will follow."

Swissair, the state-owned airline, said it was taking tough new measures aboard its aircraft and at airports around the country.

"We are reinforcing security measures on all our aircraft and in the airports at Geneva, Zurich and Bale-Mulhouse," Swissair spokesman Jean-Claude Donzel said.

"We are anticipating an increase in threats, particularly in the Near and Middle East," he said in a radio interview.

## Egyptian financier killed in London robbery

LONDON (AP) — A gang of masked thieves stabbed and killed an Egyptian financier and injured his wife and a maid early Sunday after breaking into the family's fashionable home near Hyde Park, police said.

Ahmed Khalifa, 50, who suffered stab wounds to the face and chest, died shortly after he was rushed to Westminster Hospital, Scotland Yard said.

The gang had forced Khalifa to open his safe and fled with a quantity of jewellery. Police said they do not yet know the value of their haul.

Scotland Yard said at least two men broke into Khalifa's home in Wilton Crescent off Belgrave Square on Saturday while his family was out.

"They badly beat up the maid, who is in her mid-twenties, and lay in wait for the family," said a Scotland Yard spokesman, who by custom was not identified.

First to return, at about midnight, were Khalifa's son and a friend, both in their early twenties, who were threatened and tied up, the spokesman said.

Half an hour later, the spokesman said, the financier and his wife, Al Sharifa, about 50, arrived and were viciously attacked by the gang, who forced Khalifa to open his safe.

The incident, the paper said in an editorial, showed Iran's insistence on escalating and con-

tinuing its challenge to the will of Nicaragua was infused with ties, intrigue and deceit.

In questioning Mr. Meese, investigators will address suspicions that his initial inquiry into the Iran-contra affair was intended more as a cover-up than an exercise in full disclosure.

Critics say that although Mr. Meese disclosed the diversion at a dramatic news conference on Nov. 25, delays in calling in the FBI permitted stacks of potential evidence to be shredded or burned.

Mr. Meese has said that while he delayed one criminal investigation linked to aid to the contras, he did not stall another.

He has rejected suggestions he should have called in the FBI earlier and said nothing he did was intended to make a cover-up possible.

Mr. Regan was White House chief of staff at the time Rear Adm. John Poindexter, then the national security adviser, and the late William Casey, then the CIA chief, battled with Mr. Shultz for influence with the president.

Mr. Weinberger, like Mr. Shultz, has said that while he delayed one criminal investigation linked to aid to the contras, he did not stall another.

He is the duty of the staff, Mr. Shultz said, to advise and assist, not decide.

Mr. Shultz repeatedly denied he and Mr. Weinberger could have been more vigorous than they were in attempting to convince the president not to approve the arms sale policy.

He said his relationship with White House aides grew so

strained — over issues unrelated to the arms sales to Iran — that he offered the president his resignation three times.

The most recent attempt at quitting took place last August and was prompted by a "guerrilla war against me" that he said included attempts to deny him use of presidential aircraft for travel.

Although Mr. Shultz said he repeatedly tried to stop it and at times thought he had, the secret arms sale policy was instilled with a life of its own because of the president's desire to free Americans held hostage in Lebanon by terrorists linked to Iran.

The secret policy was in striking conflict with the administration's public policy — defended by Mr. Shultz.

That public policy included no deals with terrorists, no arms sales to either side in the Iran-Iraq war and all-out efforts to persuade U.S. allies to follow suit.

Mr. Shultz testified that throughout he was misled by Adm. Poindexter. He said Mr. Casey apparently tried to skew public intelligence reports to support the Iranian arms sale policy, thereby violating the principle of keeping intelligence separate from policy and involving itself in a "conflict of interest."

Mr. Shultz's most graphic testimony concerned his discovery near the end of 1986 of a nine-point proposal negotiated by wealthy entrepreneur Albert Hakim — a middleman in the secret network organised by Lt.-Col. Oliver North — that included the release of terrorists jailed in Kuwait and the possible intervention of the United States on the side of Iran in its war with Iraq.

The fishermen still go out but along the shore, frightened to go to offshore islands because of the risk of mines, which have damaged five tankers so far this year, including the U.S.-flag Kuwaiti tanker Bridgeton last Friday.

They said the most abundant fishing grounds around the islands of Kubbar, 20 miles out, and Al Qar, 40 miles out, were no longer safe because they lay beyond Kuwait's 12-mile territorial limit past channels where mines might be laid.

"Now, there are big problems for everyone," fisherman Ali Hamed, 21, told Reuters. "I am not going to Kubbar or Al Qar because I have much less fish."

Apart from mines, the fishermen also have to worry about Iranian naval patrols if they venture outside the emirate's territorial waters.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Fayez calls House to session

AMMAN (J.T.) — Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayez has summoned the House to session on Tuesday. The House will discuss and approve amendments to the 1986 general budget, and laws on the Audit Bureau and the Higher Council of Science and Technology.

## Rawabdeh to attend cities group meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh left Sunday for Tunisia to take part in the meetings of the Arab Cities Organisation's Foreign Relations Committee beginning July 29. During its two-day meetings, the committee will discuss its general policy and the resolutions of the organisation's permanent bureau in its 26th session held in Damascus last April. The committee will also review the friendship and cooperation accords signed with other regional and international urban organisations as well as the organisation's participation in a number of international conferences.

## Tawjih transcripts to be distributed

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education announced Sunday it will distribute the transcripts of Tawjih students to schools in various parts of the country tomorrow. The grades are those of examinations taken by the Tawjih students in the East and West Bank of Jordan last month. The ministry announced the results of the test last week, saying 61.1 per cent of the 64,581 male and female students passed the exam. The ministry's director of examinations Mr. Ahmad Al Taqi said private students who did not sit for the examinations through schools can obtain their transcripts from the departments of education located throughout the Kingdom.

## Rifai receives vet group's president

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai received Sunday the president of the Jordanian Veterinary Doctors Association, Dr. Abdul Fattah Al Ketani and the association's board members. Minister of Agriculture Marwan Al Hmoud was present during the meeting. Mr. Rifai also received president of the Jordan Academy of Arabic, Dr. Abdul Karim Khalifeh and members of the academy's executive bureau as well as secretary general of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions, Samir Qardan, separately.

## Resthouse planned for Wadi Shu'aib

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Tourism Authority plans to set up a resthouse at Wadi Shu'aib, lying between Amman and the Jordan Valley, according to Sawi Al Shaah Arabic daily. The paper said that the resthouse will have a car park, children's playgrounds, and other facilities which will cost JD 100,000. Weekend vacationers normally pass through Wadi Shu'aib on their way to the Dead Sea or the Jordan Valley in winter season. According to the paper, the Tourism Authority will also build facilities for visitors to the desert castles of Jordan.

## Internal medicine panel to be held

AMMAN (J.T.) — A general conference on internal medicine will be held in Amman between Sept. 8 and 11 under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, according to Al Ra'i Arabic language daily. The paper said that the conference, which will be organised by the Afro-Arab Medical Society, is to be attended by Arab and African delegates and specialists in internal medicine. The conference will be organised in cooperation with the Jordanian Society of Surgeons and the Friends of the Liver Patients' Society in Jordan.

## Model school to stress physical and mental fitness

AMMAN (J.T.) — An agreement was signed at the Ministry of Education on Sunday for setting up a model school on the grounds of Al Hussein Youth City, giving special attention to physical education.

The school, a joint venture by the Ministries of Education and Youth in conjunction with the University of Jordan, will be built on a five-hectare plot of land provided by the Ministry of Youth, according to the agreement.

The agreement stipulated that the Ministry of Education will build the school and provide textbooks, teachers and furniture, while the University of Jordan will offer its installations and open its swimming pools, playgrounds, restaurants and other facilities for the school children.

The University of Jordan will also develop training programmes for sports teams and provide coaches for the school, according to Dr. Abdullah Oweidat, dean of the Faculty of Physical Education at the university.

Dr. Oweidat told the Jordan Times that children for the school will be selected from various schools in the Greater Amman Municipality and training courses will run in the afternoon while the morning hours will be devoted to the municipality to enable it to carry out its development projects.

Mr. Bahaudine was speaking in an interview with the Jordan News Agency Petra, in which he said that the municipality has

## Khayyat attends washing of Kaaba rites in Mecca

MECCA (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, now in Saudi Arabia heading a government mission for this year's pilgrimage, joined heads of missions from Islamic countries Sunday in the washing of Kaaba, a religious rite performed before the Eid Al Adha (Feast of the Sacrifice) which comes at the end of the pilgrimage season.

The ceremony was headed by Saudi Arabia's Prince Majed Ibn Abdul Aziz, deputising for King Fahd.

Sheikh Khayyat, quoted by the Jordan News Agency Petra, said the mission accompanying Jordanian pilgrims to Mecca has taken

measures to assist the worshippers.

In addition to the lodgings provided for the pilgrims in Mecca, the minister said arrangements have been made to house pilgrims at Arafat and Mina camps during the last day of the pilgrimage.

Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Under-secretary Abdul Salam Al Abbadi, arrived in Mecca Sunday to join Sheikh Khayyat and the Jordanian mission. Dr. Abbadi was in Medina to supervise the lodging and travel services offered to some 8,000 Jordanian pilgrims who visited the holy city on their way to Mecca.

## Zarqa chairman urges tax payment

ZARQA (Petra) — Chairman of Zarqa Municipal Council, Badri Bahaudine Sunday urged Zarqa residents, merchants and businesses to pay their dues to the municipality to enable it to carry out its development projects.

Mr. Bahaudine was speaking in an interview with the Jordan News Agency Petra, in which he said that the municipality has

survived and conformed new challenges despite limited resources. He also pointed out Jordan is expanding higher education.

By the turn of the century, he said, the Arab World will need 160,000 people with post graduate degrees.

Dr. Majali also added that the university has created programmes that suit the needs of the local communities.

It not only violates that, but the German Pershings are not on the table," he said.

"Gorbachev told the president that himself, that there was no requirement that we go into any third country or any other types of missiles. We are only talking about Soviet and U.S. and we are going to negotiate on that basis."

However, when asked if the Gorbachev offer was a significant step, Mr. Weinberger replied, "Oh, I think so."

"I think it is important to bear in mind what it is," he said.

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants in the first gathering for Jordanian students studying abroad visited Sunday the University of Jordan where they were received by its president, Abdul Salam Al Majali.

The six-day meeting was

opened on Saturday by Hussein Al Qasem, Central Bank of Jordan governor.

Mr. Qasem observed that the oil boom in the Arab World in the 1970s and in the early 1980s had given a temporary boost to the banks and their operations, but that the economic recession which followed has had its adverse effects on the banks in the Arab World.

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## Obstacles darken blind's prospects

By Sana Atiyeh

Special to the Jordan Times  
AMMAN — "Every year, for the last 15 years, I apply for a job as an English teacher at the Ministry of Education with no luck. For 15 years I have been a private tutor," said Mr. Mohammad Afaneh.

"I receive a salary of JD 80 a month as a lecturer to prisoners and sometimes policemen. But I would much rather work in my field: In a law firm as a clerk for a start and then continue my career as a lawyer," said Mr. Saqr Shamali.

Both gentlemen are university graduates and both prefer to pursue their own careers, but because they are blind they face many obstacles.

Mr. Izzat Hafez is also blind. He has a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Damascus and is fluent in Arabic, English, German and French. He works as a typist and sometimes as translator at the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ). "I type so much, I dislike typing," he complained jokingly.

There are many other people who are like Mr. Afaneh, Mr. Shamali and Mr. Hafez, blind educated individuals who seek to be employed in their fields.

The Friendship Society for the Blind (FSB) was established in 1977 in order to serve the blind in the Kingdom, especially to help them in finding jobs to contribute

to society as citizens. The society, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zeid, has since succeeded in doing so. According to Mr. Radwan Tamimi, director of the FSB, there are 200 blind individuals who have attained jobs in different departments and institutions.

However, according to the society's printed statistics on blind employment, most of them hold minor jobs. For example, the majority working in government departments are telephone operators with a JD 60 to 80 monthly salary; and in the private sector, the majority are labourers with a salary of JD 50 to 80. The statistics show that the highest paid blind person is a Ph.D lecturer at the University of Jordan; he makes JD 120. A sighted Ph.D lecturer at the university starts out with an average of JD 185, depending on the department in which he works, according to a University of Jordan source. The statistics also show that there are three quarters more blind men than blind women who are employed.

Mr. Shamali, who is only 10 per cent sighted, and a law graduate from the University of Jordan, argues that there is injustice done in employing blind graduates merely because of their misfortune. He told the Jordan Times that he believes his salary is so little because of his blindness. "Government institutions

prefer to hire qualified sighted graduates than blind qualified graduates because they think that a blind person is unfit for a job. There is no law that protects our employment rights, and this is very frustrating," Mr. Shamali complained.

He continued to say that the blind's employment problems lies with ministers. He said that ministers according to the civil service code, must approve their employment, and that ministers usually do not employ the blind. "Our battle is with the ministers," said the young law student.

Mr. Shamali and the other blind men who spoke to the Jordan Times said that in other neighbouring Arab countries, there are laws that oblige private and public institutions to hire handicapped. In Egypt, for example five per cent of the jobs in every company are reserved for the handicapped, according to the gentlemen.

Mr. Shamali believes that the least employers can do is to try out the blind in jobs for a couple of months before rejecting them. On this point, Mr. Turkey Abaneh, treasurer of the FSB asserted that the society is willing to pay the salaries for a trial period.

About employing the blind at the Ministry of Education, Mr. Afaneh said that he recently met the minister, Mr. Zouqan Al Hindawi about the problems blind teachers face in finding jobs at government schools. The Ministry of Education, Mr. Afaneh maintains, contends that blind teachers face some problems in classrooms.

First is the black board: How would the teacher write on the black board for students. Second how the teacher would correct papers and tests, and third how would the teacher control a class of "shrewd" students.

Mr. Afaneh said that these problems could be easily overcome. He explained that instead of writing on the black board, blind teachers could use overhead projectors. About correcting papers and tests, he said that a wife or a friend can read what is written to the teacher to be corrected. "No one lives alone," he commented. Mr. Afaneh stated that it is not difficult to deal with students just because a teacher is blind. "We can use the 'oral approach' with students and make a small effort to understand each other. After 15 years of dealing with young students, I know that after an understanding

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Randa Habib's  
Corner

### Loud audience

ALTHOUGH many activities are tempting, I was hesitant to attend the Sixth Jerash Festival because of former bad experiences. However, I finally overcame my fears and went to Jerash last Friday, and had a very good surprise. Things are well organised. Police were helpful and kind. At the entrance to Jerash people pushed, no one tried to force his way through without a ticket, no mess, no hitting.

Getting into Jerash's South Theatre was also smooth; and when the show started I had a feeling it was going to be one of those enjoyable evenings. Unfortunately that feeling did not last. Only 15 minutes after the start of the show, a large number of people entered the theatre. Being late did not trouble them a bit, and they made their entrance in the noisiest manner possible. All of them wanted to be seated in the front rows, and the fact that those seats were already occupied, did not bother them the least.

Families forced themselves into the crowd and "settled" just between the rows, sitting on other people's feet with their own feet touching the front row's people backs. Suddenly "Ahmad" would recognise "Nabil" coming in and climbing the stairs on the other side of the theatre. So he jumps and shouts loud the name of his friend to attract his attention. And with the music of the show on, Ahmad had of course to shout louder and louder with his children joining him in calling his friend Nabil. In the meantime, a bag of seeds is passed from one hand to another and everybody is having a good time eating them. You shouldn't even try to attract their attention to the fact that they are disturbing you, because you hope to enjoy the show in a calm atmosphere, they couldn't care less.

So, it is not the organisers of the Jerash Festival that we have to blame for any discomfort we find there. It is the public. Maybe, with time, this public will learn how to enjoy artistic shows to silence, and how to respect an audience.

## U.S. shooting divides a West Bank town

By Jocelyn Noveck  
The Associated Press

DEIR DIBHAN, Occupied West Bank — What began as a business dispute in the United States has plunged this West Bank town into a bitter clan feud, severing lifelong bonds and triggering a stabbing, a gang beating and a court-room trial.

"We've had 7-year-olds here ready to strangle each other," said Lamiah Subah, 21, "life has been a mess."

According to Deir Dibhan residents, the story began one day in March 1986 in Gallup, New Mexico, a small town in the southern United States.

Frank Abdelhadi, a member of the Deir Dibban's largest clan, pulled out a gun during a fight over some turquoise jewelry in a parking lot and fatally shot the Nassar brothers, from the town's second largest clan. Abdelhadi, who claimed self-defence, was acquitted on all charges a few weeks later in a New Mexico court.

But in Deir Dibhan, a much fiercer process of accounting has to take place — and it was just beginning.

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His Royal Highness Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zeid, the honorary chairman of the FSB, listens to British Ambassador John Coles addressing a blind gathering, while FSB board member Abdullah Khasawneh (right) looks on.

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## CHEESE FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY



# Ireland's Roche joins cycling legends

French cyclist wins women's Tour de France edging defending champion Maria of Italy

PARIS (R) — Irishman Stephen Roche won the Tour de France on Sunday, sealing his triumph on the Champs-Elysees to become only the fifth man to complete the double of the French and Italian Tours in the same year.

The 27-year-old Dubliner, the first rider from the British Isles to take the world's most famous cycle race, won the 26-day event after seizing the lead in a critical time trial on Saturday from his main rival, Pedro Delgado of Spain.

Delgado, who held the overall lead for five days in the final week, finished second overall while France's best hope, Jean-Francois Bernard, was third.

To add to the English-speaking triumph in the French classic — won last year by U.S. rider Greg Lemond — American Jeff Pierce

won the 25th and final stage after a sprint through central Paris.

The victory moved Roche into the elite company of Bernard Hinault and Jacques Anquetil of France, Eddy Merckx of Belgium and Fausto Coppi of Italy, all of whom won the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France in the same year.

Roche, of the Carrera team, used courage, tactical intelligence and sheer physical strength to join that elite group, defeating 207 competitors from 23 teams over the rugged 4,000-kilometre (2,485-mile) course.



MOBILE MEAL... Delgado (left) and Roche sustain the inner man on the road to Morzine during the final stages of the tour which ended Sunday

## Soviets win under-16 World Cup on penalties

TORONTO (R) — The Soviet Union beat defending champions Nigeria 3-1 on penalties to win the Under-16 World Cup Soccer final on Saturday.

Striker Yuri Nikiforov, the tournament's leading scorer, slammed home his side's fifth and final penalty to secure the victory after the sides had finished 1-1 at the end of full-time and after extra time.

Soviet goalkeeper Yuri Okroszidze dived low and to the right to save Taiwo Enegwa's first penalty after Sergei Benja had scored with the Russians' first spot kick.

### Khan beaten for 2nd time in 6 years

SYDNEY (R) — World number one Jahangir Khan suffered only his second defeat in six years when he was beaten in five games by Australia's Rodney Martin in the Sydney Grand Prix Squash Tournament final on Sunday. Second seed Martin recovered from a two-game deficit to topple Jahangir 7-9, 4-9, 9-7, 10-8, 9-6 in 90 minutes. The 23-year-old Pakistani's only previous loss since the 1981 British Open was a defeat by New Zealand's Ross Norman in the World Open final in Toulouse, France, last November.

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## Monaco, Bordeaux and Toulouse cruise into top French League table

PARIS (R) — Favourites Monaco, Toulouse and double champions Bordeaux have hoisted themselves to the top of the French League table after a second high-scoring day of first Division play.

Monaco, who trounced Marseille 3-1 in the opening match of the season on Saturday, repeated their goal-hungry form with a 3-1 away win against Lens — contributing handsomely to a total of 30 First Division goals after 29 last week.

Kept from scoring in the first half, Monaco seized the lead in the 54th minute and England striker Mark Hateley followed quickly with his second goal in two matches for his new club.

Ivory Coast import Youssouf Fofana sealed the win with a goal in the 79th minute while Lens salvaged some of its honour with a last minute goal.

Bordeaux also displayed their scoring power with a 3-1 away win over Auxerre, erasing doubts about their form raised last week by a narrow 3-2 home win

over Metz.

Yugoslav striker Zlatko Vujovic netted his second goal of the season to put Bordeaux in the lead in the 23 minutes while youthful Philippe Fargeon scored two quick goals in the 61st and 69th minute.

Toulouse, the other front-runner, also had little trouble on the

second day of the season but hesitated before the goal gave them only a 1-0 margin against Laval.

Marseille, putting their defeat by Monaco behind them, showed no mercy for newly promoted Cannes, with international striker Jean-Pierre Papin contributing two goals to a 3-0 win.



HELLO FANS! Al Faisali goalie Milad Abbassi dives leftwards to defend his net on Sunday against an Iraqi Army team strike. The Iraqi Army won the qualifier match 2-1 which was held within the Arab Soccer Champions Championship (Photo by Abdulla Ayyoub)

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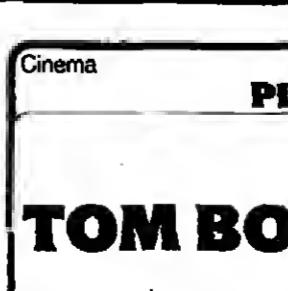
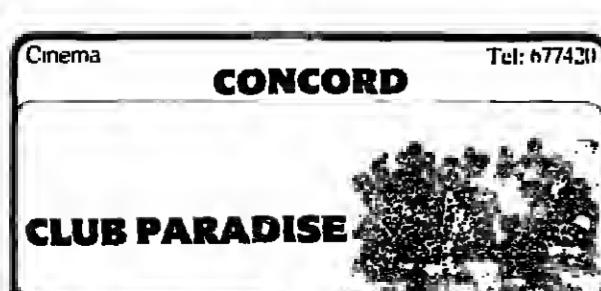
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## Piquet speeds to victory in W. German race

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany (R) — Nelson Piquet ended a run of four second places when he won the West German Grand Prix Sunday and took over from fellow Brazilian Ayrton Senna as leader of the world drivers' championship.

Piquet, driving a Williams, emerged victorious after a dramatic and grueling race with a comfortable margin but only after world champion Alain Prost of France, in a McLaren, retired while leading four laps from him.

For Piquet, who now leads the title race with 39 points from Senna on 35, it was his third win at the West German race and second in successive years. It was his 18th Grand Prix win of his career.

Senna, who was leading in

world championship points before the race, picked up four points for the third-place finish. He now holds a total of 35 points and second place in the standings.

Piquet grabbed the lead in the 40th lap, when France's Alain Prost pulled out of the race. Prost, the defending world champion, had led throughout much of the 44-lap contest, battling off Piquet and other contenders.

Britain's Nigel Mansell, who started in the pole position, pulled off the 26th lap with technical problems after a strong showing in the opening rounds.

Just two laps before withdrawing, Mansell set a new lap record of 1:45.716. The previous record of 1:46.60 was set last year by Austria's Gerhard Berger.

Piquet's Williams teammate and arch-rival Nigel Mansell of

Britain, who was looking to complete a hat-trick, retired when his engine failed after 26 laps and the race ended with only seven cars still running.

Stefan Johansson of Sweden brought his McLaren home in second place despite a burst from right tyre on the closing lap. Senna was third.

The naturally aspirated Tyrrells of Frenchman Philippe Streiff and Briton Jonathan Palmer took fourth and fifth places; a full lap behind with Philippe Alliot of France, finishing sixth in the naturally aspirated Lola.

Piquet's winning time was 1:45.716. The naturally aspirated Lola's of Nigel Mansell and Nigel Mansell recorded the fastest lap of the circuit with a 24th lap of 1:45.716 before he retired.

## Australia, India advance to Davis Cup semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — India became the first country to advance to the semifinals of the 1987 Davis Cup Saturday, clinching a win over Israel with a doubles victory.

Brothers Vijay and Anand Amritraj beat the Israeli team of Sbiomo, Glickstein and Gilad Bloom in straight sets to clinch the best-of-five series 3-0 in New Delhi. The Indian team won the match 6-2, 6-2, 7-5 in just under two hours.

In other quarterfinals Saturday, France cut Sweden's lead to 2-1, Spain took a 2-1 lead over Paraguay, and Australia beat Mexico 3-0.

While some countries were battling for spots in the 1987 Davis Cup semifinals, others were playing for spots in the 16-team field for the 1988 tournament.

In best-of-five relegation matches, the United States cut West Germany's lead to 2-1; Czechoslovakia clinched its series against Argentina 3-0; Yugoslavia clinched its series against Britain 3-0; and Italy took a 2-1 lead over South Korea.

In best-of-five zonal matches Saturday, China took a 2-1 lead against Japan; New Zealand clinched its series against Thailand 3-0; Switzerland clinched its series against Bulgaria 3-0; The Netherlands took the Soviet Union's lead to 2-1; and Denmark evened its series against Romania 1-1.

Zonal winners will replace losers of the relegation matches in the 1988 field.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### China sweeps to record gold haul

SINGAPORE (R) — China ended the Asian Track and Field Championships Sunday with a total gold medal haul of 21, way ahead of its rivals, as sprinters Taial Mansoor of Qatar and India's P.T. Usha stole the hearts of the crowd. Chinese athletes won five of Sunday's eight events, including the men's 20-km walk and the women's 1500 metres and high-jump. Their gold tally broke their own games record of 19, set two years ago in Jakarta. Qatar, who won 100 metres relay victory Sunday to cap 100 metres and 200 metres relay wins earlier in the games, Mansoor, a 23-year-old soldier, made up a five-metre deficit in the fourth leg on China's Li Tao, who faded after blanched nervously at his rival. Qatar's time of 39.20 seconds, loudly applauded by the crowd, was a championship record. China was second in 39.40 and Taiwan took the bronze. China made no mistake in the women's 100 metres relay, winning in 45.20 seconds, with India second in 45.49 seconds after a fast final leg by Usha. Taiwan again took third place.

#### Japan's Hoshino wins auto race

SENDAI, Japan (AP) — Kazuyoshi Hoshino of Japan, driving a Lora T87 Honda, won the Sugo F3000 Auto Race Sunday, beating Britain's Geoff Lees by 36 seconds. Hoshino needed 52 minutes, 13.41 seconds to cover 41 laps over the 3.7-kilometre Sugo International Race course in northern Japan. Driving a Lora T87 Honda, Lees started from the pole position, but finished second in 52:49.50. Keiji Matsumoto, in a Lora T87 DFV, came in third in 53:17.31. Nineteen cars started and 13 finished.

**Olympic athletes get married**

CHICAGO (AP) — Professional boxer and Olympic gold medalist Henry Tillman and Olympic torch bearer Gina Hemphill were married Saturday, nearly three years after they first met at the 1984 Summer Olympics. They were married on the University of Chicago campus. Hemphill, 26, granddaughter of 1936 Olympic champion Jesse Owens, carried the torch and lit the Olympic flame at the start of the 1984 summer games in Los Angeles. "The first time I ever saw her in my life was when I saw her running with the torch," said Tillman, a 26-year-old heavyweight.

## Weekly Financial Report

By Fouad Batshon

AMMAN — Last week the U.S. dollar moved steadily higher but was still trading within a very narrow range. The main reason behind the upward direction was the fear among dealers that the central bank could interfere if dealers sold dollars heavily.

The dollar traded between 0.342-0.348 fils on the Jordan dinar. Local banks were covering their short dollar position because of fear that the dollar could resume its upward direction.

Charts indicate that the dollar could move a little lower this week because of dollar selling from some banks.

The expected range for this week could be 0.340-0.348 fils.

The pound sterling traded much lower against the dollar because of the dollar's strength.

The pound traded between 0.525-0.5570 fils. The D.M. and S.F. also traded lower because of the higher dollar.

### Kuwait considers public debt issue

KUWAIT (R) — Finance Minister Jassim Mohanah Al Khorafi said Kuwait was considering a public debt issue to finance its budget deficit and expand domestic investment opportunities.

He told the Kuwait News Agency KUNA numerous ways of financing the deficit were under study "including a law allowing the government to issue instruments of public debt."

Kuwait, heavily dependent on oil revenue, has had a deficit in public spending every year but one since 1981-82, when world oil prices began to slip.

## YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

### FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JULY 27, 1987

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Use your imagination to develop an original and progressive plan of action. With assistance from some influential friends, you could be sitting on top of the world.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be willing to engage in some activities of your mate's choice. Let your kind and charming side lead your day.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get busy early on changes you've been wanting to make at home, then have guests in and be proud.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Your communication skills will be extremely sharp. You'll have no trouble getting ideas across today.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Follow the lead of those who have proven track records. Listen carefully to their advice.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) New ideas and your generous nature can be used to great advantage. Avoid someone who usually nags you this evening.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Consider your priorities and pursue the goals which are most important to you. Show more affection to your loved one.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 22 to Oct. 21) Being around many of your old friends could be very enjoyable if you let your fine sense of humor run free.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 22 to Nov. 21) Efficiency in your duties and an effort to increase your property values will give you a good feeling of satisfaction.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Stay alert for opportunities which could yield rapid career advancement. Improve your wardrobe.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can relieve that "in a rut" feeling by controlling your tendency to do everything as an annoying routine.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This may be a good time to purchase new furnishings you've been considering. Tie up loose ends you've left hanging.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Remember that there are others around who can help you or give advice. You don't always have to go it alone.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY** ... he or she will have a refined manner and attractive appearance. Be sure that these facts are not permitted to play such a major role that they will spoil your child. A good education is a must, and be sure to have good books around the house. Light sports are best.

### THE Daily Crossword

by Dorothy B. Martin



## At least 50 Haitians killed, hundreds hurt in land feud

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Two days of machete battles in a remote town that killed at least 50 people and may have left more than 200 dead appeared Sunday to have ended as doctors arrived to treat scores of wounded, witnesses said.

Doctors returning from Jean-Rabel, about 220 kilometres north west of Port-Au-Prince, told Reuters they had counted as many as 50 dead and believed other bodies would be found.

The Haitian Information Ministry said Saturday at least 30 people were killed and hundreds hurt in violence triggered by a long-simmering land dispute.

Other unconfirmed reports put the death toll much higher. A missionary said more than 200 people had been killed, but there was no independent confirmation.

Accounts of the clash differed widely.

Some sources said it pitted peasants against landowners, while others suggested religious rivalries might have fanned the land dispute.

A Protestant minister who returned to the capital Saturday from Jean-Rabel told Protestant Radio Lumière at least 235 people died in the fighting.

## 700 reported dead in Greek heatwave

ATHENS (R) — More than 700 people have died and Greece has been placed in a state of national emergency as a result of a heatwave that has been scorching the country for the past seven days, hospital sources said Sunday.

Blistering temperatures of 44 degrees Centigrade (111 Fahrenheit) have sent hordes of people to hospitals, which are

volving two deaths. Radio Lumière and another station, Radio Haïti-Inter, said the bodies of 30 residents had been identified.

Roman Catholic Radio Soleil said the dispute had been brewing since former dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier was deposed in February 1986 and fled the country after decades of rule by him and his father, François "Papa Doc" Duvalier.

A Western diplomatic source said on Friday night that violence had been increasing around Jean-Rabel, where peasants were trying to reclaim land they said had been fraudulently obtained through forced sales by Tontons Macoutes.

The fighting in Jean-Rabel was the most violent incident in a series of anti-government protests to hit Haiti in the past month.

Government troops in the capital fired in the air on Friday to disperse 10,000 unemployed people staging a march against the government.

Demonstrators have demanded the National Council of Government headed by Gen. Namphy honour promises for elections.

Operating round the clock to deal with the rush.

There were water shortages in Athens, which appeared deserted at the weekend as an estimated one million people fled to the countryside.

The highest temperature recorded in Athens in recent years was 48 degrees Centigrade (118 Fahrenheit) in 1977.

Greek newspapers described the situation as a national tragedy and reported that graveyards were ordered to operate during the weekend.

The weather service says temperatures will gradually decrease from Monday but will remain high for at least a further

## Indian Muslim leader killed in blast

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — An explosion in west Indian Gujarat state killed a local Muslim leader, his 11-year-old son and three visitors to the leader's house, United News of India reported Sunday.

Police believe the blast Saturday in the home of Manzoor Hussain Pirzada, a member of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's governing Congress Party, was

caused by an explosive device. Mr. Pirzada, a former member of the Gujarat State Assembly, had recently moved to his newly built house in the Girnara area of Wankarai town from his father's ancestral home. His father is the leader of the Mormons, a Muslim sub-sect that resides in the area.

Wankarai is 50 kilometres north of Rajkot city and about

900 kilometres south west of New Delhi.

A local journalist reached by the Associated Press said the blast occurred in the drawing room of Mr. Pirzada's home and shattered windows and damaged the walls and roof.

Police were investigating the cause of the blast. Initial findings suggested the explosion was not politically motivated.

## Jayewardene: Rebellion to end in Sri Lanka soon

COLOMBO (R) — President Junius Jayewardene has said a Tamil rebellion in Sri Lanka would end within a week of the signing of a peace accord on Wednesday with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Mr. Jayewardene told a meeting of the ruling United National Party that "terrorism will end on the Monday after I sign the accord with Gandhi in Colombo."

The plan approved by the party envisages the creation of a single autonomous council in northern and eastern areas to satisfy minority Tamil demands for a separate state in those areas.

Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa returned Sunday from official trips to Britain and Japan and was likely to meet Mr. Jayewardene to discuss the peace package.

Political observers said Mr. Premadasa, who is opposed to a merger of the north and east, would voice his criticism of the plan to Mr. Jayewardene.

"It is even rumoured that he may resign," one of the observers said, noting that it could spark a leadership crisis within the ruling

party. The plan was largely agreed upon by Sri Lankan and Indian officials while Mr. Premadasa was abroad, they said.

Senior Minister Gamani Jayasuriya was reported by the Sunday Island newspaper as likely to resign in protest over the accord.

Mr. Jayasuriya was not available for comment.

Opposition parties are also opposing the package and former Prime Minister Srimavo Bandaranaike told a rally on Friday that her Freedom Party planned to conduct a non-violent campaign against the accord.

She also asked Mr. Premadasa to join those opposing the accord.

People's United Front leader Dinesh Gunawardene was reported by the Sunday Island as saying the government had abdicated its authority and responsibility to the whole of Sri Lanka.

Government sources said that according to preliminary arrangements Mr. Gandhi would arrive at Colombo airport on Wednesday and then be flown by helicopter to parliament, about eight kilometres east of Colombo.

The source, quoted by AP, and several protesters who left the demonstration, said the group had rejected Saturday an offer to meet with Mr. Gromyko, and was holding out for a meeting with Mr. Gorbatchev.

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The American Bridge Teachers' Association voted Harry Alpert's "The Fun Way to Advanced Bridge" (Firestone Books, paperback, 168 pp., \$6.95) the best bridge book of 1986. We have seen the hands before, but most of the advice is sound and the cartoons that abound in the book emphasize the points they make in a way that many will find easy to remember.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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### GOOD BOOK FOR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♦ 6 3 2  
A 3  
K J 10 8 5  
♦ 7 4

**WEST**      **EAST**  
♦ K 10 8      ♦ J 9 7 5  
K Q 10 9 7 6      ♦ 8 5 4  
Q 7      ♦ 3 2  
♦ Q 10 8      ♦ J 9 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A Q 4  
Q 2  
A Q 9 6 4  
♦ A K 8 5

The bidding:  
South   West   North   East  
1 ♦   2 ♦   3 ♦   Pass  
4 ♦   Pass   4 ♦   Pass  
6 ♦   Pass   Pass   Pass  
Weak   Pass   Pass   Pass  
Opening lead: King of ♦

This hand is used to illustrate the principle of loser-on-loser play. No bidding is given, but it might have gone as shown. After West's jump overcall and North's support, South shows his second suit and North cue-bids his in the opponent's suit. To bid less than slam would be cowardly on South's part.

Against six diamonds West leads the king of hearts, won with the ace. When both defenders follow to the king of diamonds, it might seem that the fate of the contract is going to hinge on a successful spade finesse. Although the bidding suggests that might work, there is a sure-fire way to 12 tricks.

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## Philippine congress convenes today

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The military alert followed

rumours of a coup attempt and threats by right-wing and leftist dissidents to march to the heavily guarded congressional building as President Corazon Aquino delayed her state-of-the-nation address before more than 200 new lawmakers.

"We cannot afford to lose this second chance that history has given us," said Lower House Speaker Ramon Mitra, stressing the need to make democracy work after 20 years of rule by ousted President Ferdinand Marcos.

The two-chamber congress, elected in a national vote in which Mrs. Aquino's ruling coalition won big majorities, will revive the U.S.-style legislature Mr. Marcos silenced when he declared martial law in 1972.

Mrs. Aquino ruled by decree after a revolt toppled Marcos in February 1986. On Monday Congress takes over lawmaking, ending a generation of authoritarian politics in which one person made the rules for 58 million people.

In a frenzy of legislation before yielding to Congress, Mrs. Aquino issued an average of 15 new laws daily in the past week — including an order that radio stations play more Filipino songs to offset a heavy diet of Western music.

The army has placed a wide area of Luzon Island, including Manila, under "red alert," which requires all troops to be in their barracks for emergencies.

Troops were also put on heavy alert on southern Mindanao Island where Muslim rebels have threatened to resume a largely dormant separatist war.

The Luzon alert followed the unmasking by the military of what it said was a plot by some soldiers to seize army camps and the airport, stop congress from convening, oust Mrs. Aquino, and bring Marcos back to power from his exile in Hawaii.

Left-wing peasants who have denounced an Aquino land reform decree as a ploy to please landlords say they will march.

Leaders of congress insist the body will be independent of Mrs. Aquino, while supporting her reformist policies.

They have promised swift action on laws to implement the land programme and a crackdown on graft by officials.

The new legislature is also expected to adopt measures to rein in a military made powerful by Marcos while toughening anti-subversion laws to combat the 17-year-old Communist rebellion.

The group left voluntarily at about 3 p.m., more than 21 hours after they began their protest.

Tatar sources reached by telephone after the protest said they had no information on anyone having been arrested as the protest broke up.

"They left and agreed to a meeting with Gromyko at 12 o'clock tomorrow," said one source.

The source, quoted by AP, and several protesters who left the demonstration, said the group had rejected Saturday an offer to meet with Mr. Gromyko, and was holding out for a meeting with Mr. Gorbatchev.

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